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TO: Honorable Jimmie Don Aycock, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1926 by King, Ken (Relating to the provision of electronic courses by a school district or open-enrollment charter school.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would expand the list of eligible course providers through the state virtual school network to include nonprofit entities, private entities, and corporations that provide an electronic professional development course.

The bill would authorize the state virtual school network to enter into a reciprocity agreement with one or more states to facilitate expedited course eligibility approval.

The bill would authorize a charter to receive funding for the student's enrollment in a state virtual school network course as provided under the terms of its charter.

The bill would require the Commissioner of Education to negotiate an agreement with each eligible course provider that governs the costs of each course. The bill would require a school district or open-enrollment charter school to pay the course provider no more than 50 percent of the course cost prior to the student successfully completing the electronic course.

Based on information provided by the Texas Education Agency, this analysis assumes that any costs associated with implementing the provisions of this bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

A school district or open-enrollment charter school would be required to pay course providers for a student's enrollment in an electronic course offered through the state virtual school network under the terms negotiated by the Commissioner of Education.

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